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Two Thoughts For  
Christmas

It is a pity that Christmas, of all times in the year, is the occasion for lament as well as goodwill. And what is lamentable, of course, is the high cost of the seasonal obligations. Recently we had occasion to deplore the increased tax burden on drinks. Alas, it does not stop there as the compradores' price lists for the Christmas fare clearly demonstrate. And year by year the conviction grows stronger that the season is becoming a glorious banquet for shopkeepers financed by non-stop handouts from the family man.

This is not said cynically or bitterly. It may be regrettable but it has come to be accepted in this age as an essential accompaniment to Christmas celebrations. But a point we made a year ago almost to this very day was that Hongkong industry might help to lighten the family burden in one direction by greater concentration on toys—well-made, attractive and above all at prices cheaper than the imported product. And to those who have bothered to search, or to visit the CMU exhibition, there is cause for much agreeable surprise at the wide variety of excellent Hongkong made toys on sale.

CHIEFLY these are to be found in the range of plastic or wooden toys—but they are not to be confused with Japanese made goods which have appeared on the local market this year in staggering quantities. If there is any doubt about this assertion a walk down Wanchai, Nathan Road or Queen's Road West will readily confirm the extent of these imports.

Among a number of good Hongkong toys are various kinds of games, constructive puzzles, cars, ships, lead soldiers and a heartening array of "build-it-yourself" articles. They are in many cases less than half the price of similar imported toys. And the quality is good, the paint bright and ingenuity of many quite pleasing. One may regret that wooden swords have sharp tips (when they could easily have been blunted to avoid injury) and that some of the "copies" appear to be shabby imitations of similar British or German toys. But on the whole the Hongkong industry has done well this year.

THERE is a point to be made about "copies". Inevitably, toys follow fashions dictated by fastidious children—as much as furs or jewellery or dresses follow the tastes of their equally fastidious mothers. To that extent, "copies" are unavoidable. In other categories, however, imitation should be discouraged and it would be advisable if Hongkong manufacturers avoided provoking fresh wrath overseas by duplicating their well-known and well-established products.

The good news for parents this year, then, is that the Christmas budget can be lightened as far as this expensive item is concerned. But may we also suggest how the saving can be properly utilised and at the same time the season made very much more worthwhile? For many in Hongkong there will not only be no happy Christmas but also a pretty grim prospect for the New Year. Other children than our own need presents, need friendship, need help. Other adults, too. It would be a much happier Christmas for many more if we matched our gifts to our families and friends with another for those for whom goodwill was also intended but who have had precious little of it this year.

# BIG CABINET RESHUFFLE

Sir Anthony Eden Gives These Five Men New Duties



Mr Butler



Mr Macmillan



Mr Selwyn Lloyd



Sir Walter Monckton



Mr Iain Macleod

## SIX MINISTERS RESIGN

London, Dec. 21.

Sir Anthony Eden tonight announced a major reshuffle of his cabinet naming new ministers for three top posts.

Mr Selwyn Lloyd, 51, becomes Foreign Secretary and Mr Harold Macmillan, 61, Foreign Secretary for the last four months, becomes Chancellor of the Exchequer.

New Defence Minister is Sir Walter Monckton, 64, who has earned wide praise for his handling of industrial relations as Minister of Labour over the last four years.

Mr R. A. Butler, 63, moves from Chancellor of the Exchequer to Lord Privy Seal, a non-departmental post which frees him from his duties as the Prime Minister's right-hand man.

He also becomes leader of the House of Commons, making him responsible for carrying through the Government's programme of legislation.

This puts Mr Butler in line for succession to the Premiership although no appointment of a Deputy Prime Minister was announced.

### BIG SURPRISE

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### NO 'OVERLORDSHIP'

An unexpected appointment is that of Mr Patrick Buchanan Hepburn, 54, for many years Government Chief Whip (party manager in Parliament) as Minister of Works with a seat in the Cabinet.

The new Minister of State for Colonial Affairs, Mr John Fare, has served as a vice-chairman of the Conservative Party. He is 44.

Among the younger men promoted is the Earl of Sejkirk, 49, who succeeds Lord Woolton as Chancellor of the Duchy of Lancaster.

The Prime Minister disputed speculation that Mr. Butler, away from the Treasury, might continue to hold overlordship in the nation's economic affairs. It was made known tonight that Mr. Macmillan, under the Prime Minister will co-ordinate all aspects of economic policy, both internal and external in addition to discharging the Chancellor's normal responsibility for economic affairs.

Appointments to less important posts were: Minister of Air—Mr. Nigel Birch;

Minister of Pensions and National Insurance—Mr. John Boyd-Carpenter (formerly Transport Minister);

Minister of Health—Mr. R. H. Tudor;

Minister of Transport—Mr. Harold Watkinson;

Minister of Posts—Mr. Anthony Johnson.

An earldom has been conferred on Viscount Woolton.

Vicenques are conferred on the following: Captain H. F. C. Crookshank, former Lord Privy Seal; Mr. Oberst Peake, former Pensions Minister; Mr. J. P. L. Thomas, First Lord of the Admiralty; and Lord de Lisle and Dudley, former Air Minister.

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## Middle East To Benefit

# BIG INCREASE IN AMERICAN FOREIGN AID

Washington, Dec. 20.

The Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, announced today that Congress would be asked to appropriate about \$4,900 million in foreign aid for next year.

About three thousand million

will be earmarked to keep American military aid flowing at its present rate for the next few years, Mr. Dulles told a press conference.

"It would seem unnatural

for the Soviet rulers to

provide economic aid to other

peoples when the people they

rule are themselves in dire need.

"The leaders of countries

which are receiving Soviet

offers are, of course, aware of

this political danger. They

have won political successes in

making their own countries

independent and I believe they

would be alert to defend that indepen-

dence,"—Mr. Dulles.

"TROJAN HORSE"

At the same time, he said he

hoped Soviet economic aid "is

not offered as a Trojan horse to

penetrate and take over independent countries."

Mr. Dulles opened his press

conference by reading a prepared statement, saying: "The United States seeks no monopoly in rendering economic assistance. We welcome any grant or economic aid which invigorates less developed countries and makes them more and more independent. This has been the United States policy for many years.

Miss Edith Pitt, 49-year-old

Brum, woman popularly

tipped for a job, comes into

the Government as Parliamentary

Secretary to the Ministry of Pensions and National Insurance in place of Mr. Ernest Marples who resigned.

Mr. Christopher Soames, 35,

son-in-law of Sir Winston Churchill and formerly his

Parliamentary private secretary for Air.

Other junior appointments</p



# Israel Not Trying To Buy M.E. Peace

## EIGHT-POINT PLAN ONLY CLARIFYING THE SITUATION

### Jelke's Sentence Confirmed

New York, Dec. 20. The State Court of Appeals today confirmed the two- to three-year jail sentence imposed in April on Minot "Mickey" Jelke, 25-year-old heir to a margarine fortune, for leading girls into compulsory prostitution.

The court threw out one of the two counts on which Jelke was convicted, but this made no difference to the length of the sentence.

Jelke, a member of New York's "Cafe Society," was sentenced to two to three years on each of two counts last April, the sentences to run concurrently. He entered prison in June.

One count charged Jelke with inducing Pat Ward, former call girl, to lead a life of prostitution. His conviction of this was affirmed.

The second count, on which his conviction was reversed, accused Jelke of attempting to induce Marguerite Cordova into prostitution.

The court held today that guilt was not established beyond a reasonable doubt. — China Mail Special.

### Rumours Of New Plot In Argentine

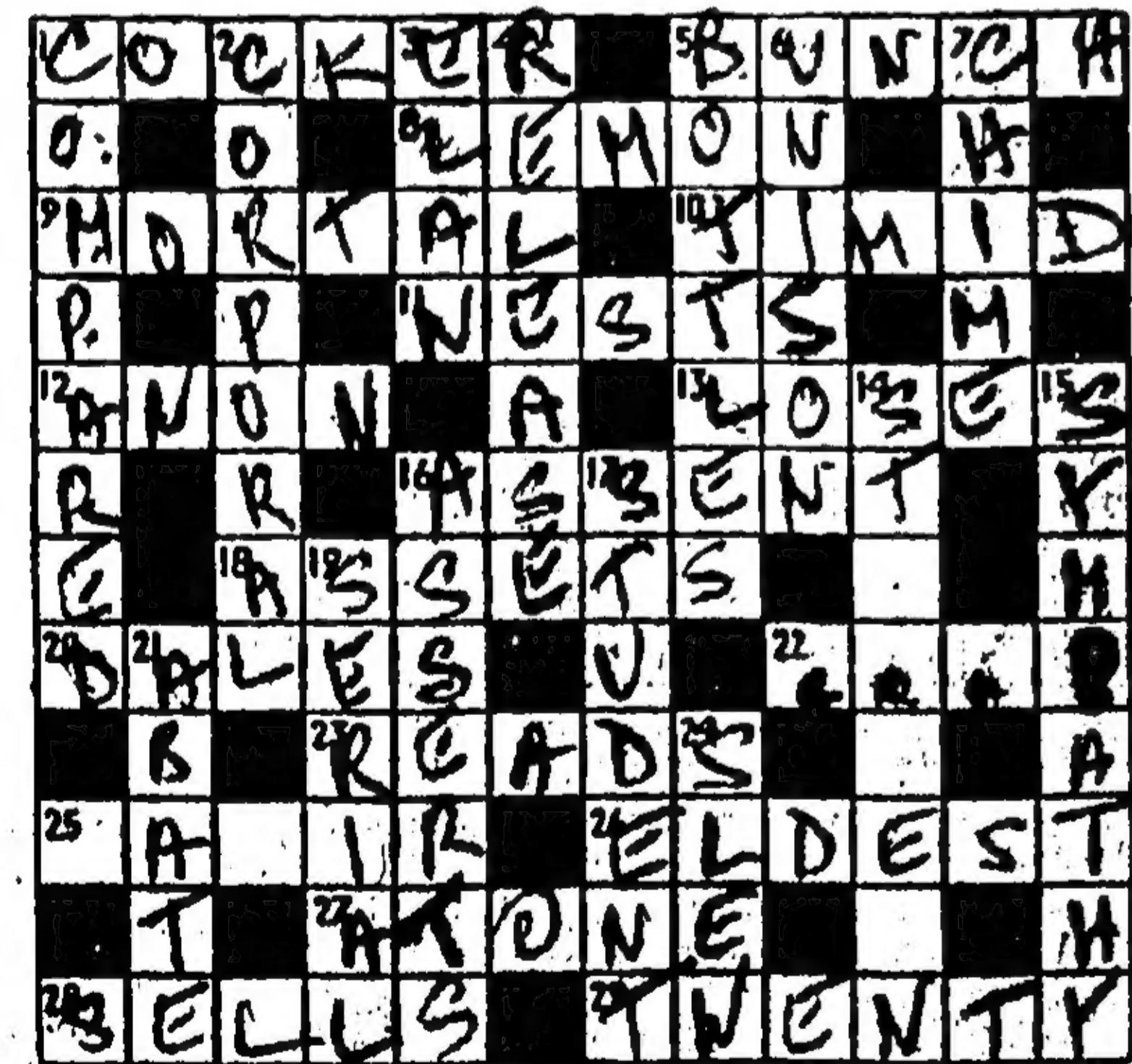
Buenos Aires, Dec. 20. Guards around Government House were strengthened today and additional security forces were sent to Buenos Aires' International Ezeiza Airport amid a new spate of wild rumours concerning the latest counter-revolutionary plot.

Reports from Rosario, the country's second largest city, said Marine units had occupied the busy dock area on the Paraná River waterfront and that the local police and infantry garrison had been confined to barracks since last night.

The current state of suspense arose from last week's raids on Peronist centres in La Plata, Buenos Aires' provincial capital, in which up to 200 persons were reported to have been arrested.

Scare headlines in the newspaper El Laborista said the plot against the government of President Pedro Aramburu was due to break out just after Christmas. Other newspapers, however, played down or ignored the La Plata raids altogether. — United Press.

### A British Crossword Puzzle



- ACROSS**
- Kind of spaniel (6).
  - Clusters (3).
  - Fruit (6).
  - Deadly (6).
  - Shy (6).
  - Birds' homes (6).
  - Before long (4).
  - Fair to win (6).
  - Agree to (6).
  - Property (6).
  - Valleys (6).
  - Clutch (4).
  - Perches (6).
  - First-born (6).
  - Make preparation (6).
  - Disposition of (6).
  - Score (6).
- DOWN**
- Likened (6).
  - NCO (6).
  - Verve (4).
  - Set free (7).
  - Containers for liquid (7).
  - Concord (6).
  - Ring (8).
  - Fish (8).
  - Fellow-feeling (8).
  - Avers (4).
  - Scholar (7).
  - Appearing in parts (6).
  - Diminut. (8).
  - Killed (4).

**YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD**—Across: 1. Scour, 5. Basic, 8. Alas, 9. Chart, 11. Image, 12. March, 14. Beds, 15. Letters, 16. Above, 19. Memo, 20. Indeed, 24. Antic, 25. Edict, 26. Toss, 27. Turn, 28. Tended, Down: 1. Sane, 2. Creep, 3. Hail, 4. Fleets, 5. Britain, 6. Started, 7. Chances, 8. Saved, 9. Wallah, 14. Beggar, 16. Dugout, 17. Embroider, 22. Dead.

Tel-Aviv, Dec. 20. Israeli Foreign Ministry sources emphasised today that Israel was not trying to "buy peace" with the Arab nations, through its new eight-point peace plan for the Middle East.

The sources said that the plan, presented to the United States Department of State yesterday, was aimed at clarifying the Israeli position concerning a peace settlement with the Arab countries.

Diplomatic circles here thought that there was little chance that Egypt would accept the Israeli proposals, because of Israel's preliminary condition that direct talks be held between Israel and the Arab countries. Egypt has refused such talks.

Diplomats felt that the Israeli proposals constituted a reply to the mediation plan presented earlier this month by British Premier Sir Anthony Eden, which Israel opposes.

Several Concessions

The Israeli peace plan involved several concessions to the Arab countries, including the offer of a free zone in the port of Haifa to Jordan, and authorisation of transit across Israeli territory between Egypt and Jordan, and Egypt and Lebanon.

Sir Anthony hopes to have "a full discussion on the problems of the Middle East" at his forthcoming meeting with President Eisenhower, Mr. R. A. Butler, Chancellor of the Exchequer, said today.

He was answering questions in the House of Commons on behalf of the Prime Minister, who is indisposed.

Mr. Arthur Henderson, a Labour member, had urged the Prime Minister to suggest to President Eisenhower the possibility of having a United Nations police force on both sides of the Israel-Arab frontier.

Mr. Butler added that Sir Anthony did not wish to commit himself to any specific proposal in advance. — France Presse & Reuter.

**SYRIAN AND ISRAELI ENVOYS IN HEATED EXCHANGE**

Yardley, Penn., Dec. 20. Issues in the tense Middle East were aired at Pennington High School yesterday by two Syrian officials and an Israeli vice-consul, who refused to look at each other during the sharp exchange.

Vice-Consul Mohammed el Farrar of Syria, a United Nations adviser, called on Israel to "internationalise" Jerusalem and make reparations to 80,000 Arabs who fled during the Arab-Israeli fighting.

Mr. Basil Herman, a member of the Israeli Office of Information, called el Farrar's terms "unheard of in international relations." He claimed Arabs had harassed us so that fishing and farming have become hazardous occupations."

The other Syrian official, Mr. Salih Trauzi, alternate permanent UN delegate, said the Arabs did not recognise the legality of the Jewish State. The delegates arrived in separate trains, met separate reception committees and attended separate luncheons and press conferences. — United Press.

### RUSSIA ENDS BLACKOUT AT FINNISH BASE

Helsinki, Dec. 20. The commander of the Soviet naval base of Porkkala outside Helsinki today informed the Finnish railways that they may run unshuttered trains through the area from tomorrow.

The trains, however, must still have their doors locked and be drawn by Soviet locomotives.

Passengers were still forbidden to pass from one coach to another during the one-hour run through the base.

Earlier all trains had to have their windows blacked out with locked wooden shutters which made travellers refer to the journey as "riding through Europe in a tunnel."

Russia had agreed to return Porkkala to Finland before the end of January 1956. In exchange for a ten-year extension of the current Finnish lease of



### Portuguese India Statement

### Dulles Does Not Intend To Withdraw

Lisbon, Dec. 20. THE Foreign Minister, Dr. Paulo Cunha, made clear on arrival today that the United States Secretary of State, Mr. John Foster Dulles, still maintains that Portuguese territories in India are "provinces."

Dr. Cunha, who had been on a trip to the United States, Canada and France, told Mr. Dulles during the North Atlantic Treaty Organization Council meeting in Paris last week, Mr. Dulles' statement on the "provincial" status of Portuguese India was contained in a joint communiqué published after his talks with Dr. Cunha in Washington earlier this month.

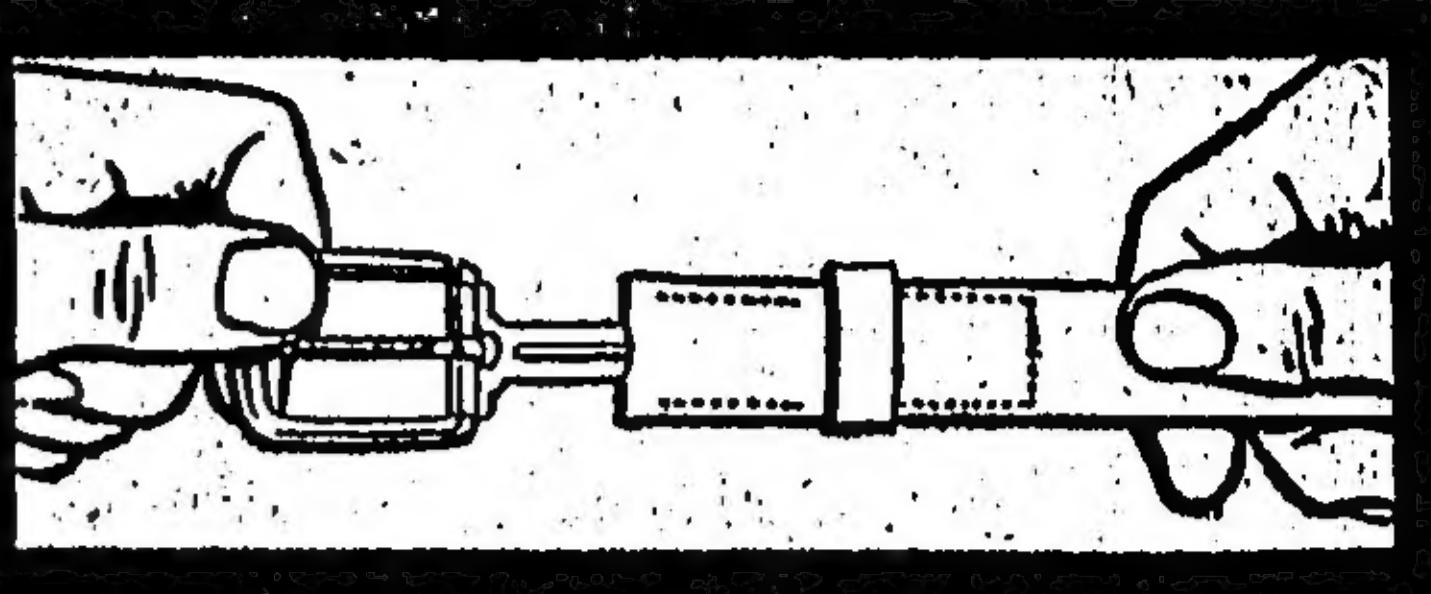
The communiqué raised a storm of protest in India.

Dr. Cunha said Mr. Dulles told him during the NATO meeting that he did not intend to withdraw anything he said in the communiqué.

Members of the Revolutionary Socialist Party of India, a major political organisation, today organised a demonstration outside the American Consulate-General in Calcutta. They were protesting against the joint communiqué issued in Washington.

Speakers criticised the United States "defence of colonialism," and demanded that Portugal be made to release Indian member of Parliament, Tridib Chaudhuri, who is imprisoned in Goa. — France Presse.

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### Tighter Controls Over Surplus Military Stores

London, Dec. 20. Britain is enforcing more stringent controls on the export of surplus military equipment, a Foreign Office spokesman said here today.

He told his daily press conference that the stricter regulations would make it necessary to disclose the ultimate destination of such equipment.

The spokesman was answering questions about 15 former Valentine tanks bought as army surplus in Britain being shipped from the Belgian port of Antwerp to Egypt.

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The British Government are taking measures to prevent this evasion of our export licensing control," the House was told. — Reuter.

### PROTEST OVER SHOOTING AT 'COPTER

Munson, Dec. 20. The United Nations Command today protested at the Military Armistice Commission meeting, against the "indiscriminate" shooting of a United Nations helicopter, east of Kuesong on December 7.

United Nations officials said the helicopter flew over the Communist zone by mistake. They said it was not armed. — France Presse.

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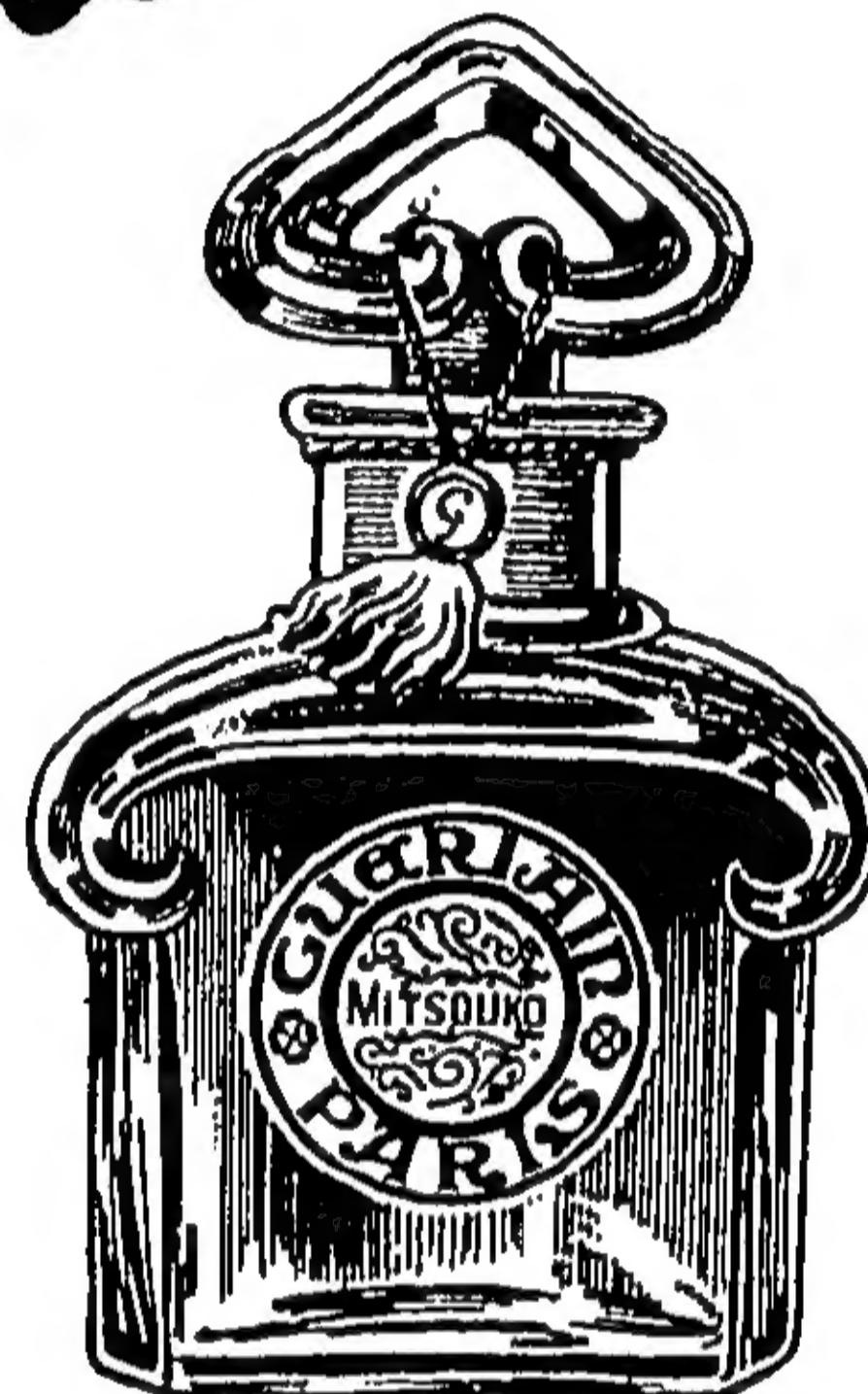
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# DON'T KID US YOU LIKE US, MR K!

A REVISED INVITATION TO ENGLAND IN THE SPRING

By GEORGE GALE

**W**AY back in the lovely summer, on a July afternoon, Sir Anthony Eden told the House of Commons that he had invited Marshal Bulganin and Mr Krushchev to come to England in the spring.

The first Geneva conference, the one at the Summit, had just ended, and gentle, soothing winds were blowing across the world.

"Making all possible reserve, I do believe that we have reduced tension by the Geneva conference," said Sir Anthony. Everybody felt nice and relaxed. Everyone was delighted to learn that Russia's two principal leaders were coming here.

The House of Commons cheered and settled back with a comfortable grin on its face. So did we all. A lovely summer.

• K •

BUT autumn came and with it the second Geneva conference. It grew chilly, the winds had teeth in them, the fog was with us. The West's Foreign Ministers talked week after week with Mr Molotov, Russia's Foreign Minister.

And at the end of it, when it came to the point, Russia could not agree with the West about Germany, about disarmament, about easier trade and cultural relations with each other.

After the first Geneva conference we were left with our heads in intoxicating Summit oil.

After the second Geneva conference we landed with a bump on the ground.

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WE were back where we started, only now we also had a hangover. Back with this uncomfortable tension, the Iron Curtain, the cold war. Back to wondering whether the glumorous phrase "peaceful co-existence" isn't becoming two more dirty words like "fellow-traveller" and "peace."

And then Marshal Bulganin and Mr Krushchev went to India, where they have been having a fine time getting decorated with garlands of flowers, crowning about their latest and most enormous bomb, and shooting off more than a few mouthfuls about the wickedness of the West.

Hark at Mr Krushchev, standing immaculate on the lawns of the West India Turf Club in Bombay: "When the Soviet State was founded," he said, "the English came to our country, the French landed, the Americans followed the English

example, and so did the Japanese. All these troops were thrown out as a lousy throwaway garbage out of her house."

So far, apart from the inelegance of the language, fair enough perhaps. But then Mr Krushchev went on:

"That was not enough for these gentlemen. They started World War II, and sent the troops of Hitlerite Germany against our country. The Soviet Union conquered and won."

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EARLIER Marshal Bulganin attacked the West and said the Germans should be left to solve their own problem. A Foreign Ministry spokesman here promptly called the marshal's point of view "thoroughly hypocritical."

Not very diplomatic language from the Foreign Office. Not very friendly language from Marshal Bulganin and Mr Krushchev. And this pair are due to be entertained as our guests in the spring, after what looks like being a pretty chilly winter.

Should we cancel the visit? Should we tell these loud-mouthed men that we do not want them here?

Do we want a "thorough hypocrite" being wined and dined at Buckingham Palace?

Do we want the free vodka of Mr Krushchev, who said we turned Hitler's thugs on Russia?

Had the Foreign Office spoken the usual coy nothing when asked to comment on Marshal Bulganin? I would have had more than a few doubts.

But now we know where we stand. Mr Krushchev and Marshal Bulganin have been brutally frank. We know what they think of us. We won't be taken in when Mr Krushchev tells us, like he told a journalist: "We have only the best feelings for England. You foreign journal-

ists are being asked ed. Plenty of people answering with a resounding "No."

I think it's pretty healthy answer. But I think it is the wrong answer.

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NOW had these precious twins from the Kremlin been all sweetness and light in their speeches in India, I would have been nervous.

Had Mr Molotov made paper gestures to the West at the autumn Geneva conference and maintained the warmth of the summer Geneva I would have shivered a little.

Had the Foreign Office spokesman made the usual coy nothing when asked to comment on Marshal Bulganin? I would have had more than a few doubts.

Had the Kremlin halted its bomb programme and not exuded so blatantly in the power of its latest atomic explosion I would have said: "Keep them out. Fear the Russians bearing gifts. Fear the Russians when they speak sweetly and softly."

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ists always think we are your enemies, but that is untrue. Is it, Mr Krushchev? Surely we are your enemies. Didn't we turn the Germans on you?

We won't be fooled. Mr Krushchev, by a snap on the back at a party at your embassy in Kensington Palace Gardens in the spring.

We won't be fooled by the nice speeches Marshal Bulganin and you will make about peaceful co-existence. You are sure to make them.

We won't start thinking that you have suddenly become thoroughly nice people who believe you can live on friendly terms with us bourgeois capitalists. You may very likely tell us that, but in your hearts you believe that all you have to do is wait for the capitalist system to crumble for you to inherit the earth.

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COME, by all means, Mr Krushchev and Marshal Bulganin. I don't suppose much good will come of the trip. But it can hardly do much harm, now not, now you have told us where you stand and what you think. And when you're here, don't mince your words. Don't kid us that you like us. Mr Krushchev. Just say what you said in Bombay:

"I do not like the capitalistic system, but I recognise its de facto existence. Neither we nor the capitalist States want to make a trip Marswards."

Say that, Mr Krushchev. Say it over and over again.

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**BIG NAMES GATHER AT WORLD'S SMARTEST BAR**

By HENRY THOM

EVERY night is a memorable night at the jewel-studded bar of Rome's elegant Excelsior Hotel, where the Big Names gather.

They say all roads lead to Rome. Well, for the star-dusted, the rich-as-Midas or the celebrities born to fame, all roads certainly seem to lead to Rome's Excelsior.

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You may also see lovely Mara Lane, the British girl who is now a fully-fledged star in Italian movies.

In recent nights I have seen Queen Soraya of Persia looking the equal in beauty of any screen favorite.

Alfred Hitchcock, master of suspense, who has commentated on the current popularity of the James Bond stories, was there.

But the way to look at it is having a cocktail in the world's smartest bar is much more exciting—and rewarding—from the point of view of taste.

What gives the bar its star-studded should be "a bit more mysterious." The jewelled ornaments at their throats, on their wrists or slender fingers, who says to me, "I'm having a wonderful dinner party in my Washington home on Friday. You must come."

I do not ask: How do I get there? For many of the customers in the world's richest bar have plane season tickets, or straight orange juice, and it is possible to buy a gold-plated Persian carpeted place of refreshment at the Excelsior.

Keeping such company is an expensive hobby for a foreign correspondent, of course. Around the corner in some modest tavern I could limbally pull off what I pay for one drink at home on Friday. You must come.

Me, I'm just a journalist and I know I'm walking in a dream world when I drop in for a drink at Giovanni's gold-plated, Persian-carpeted place of refreshment at the Excelsior.

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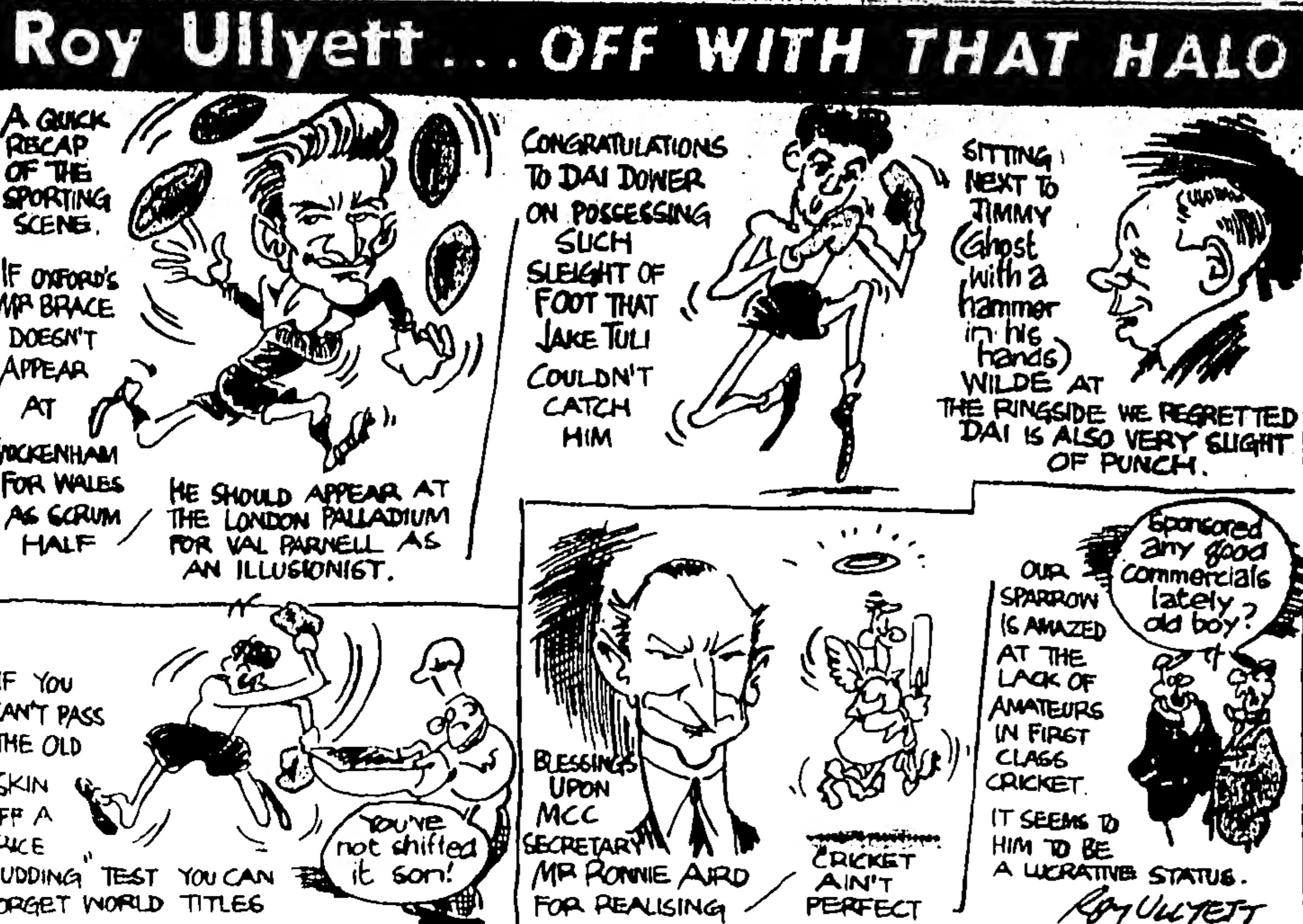
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## COLUMN WITH A KICK

## Buy Or Goodbye Arsenal

By DAVID JACK

If the Empire State Building started to totter, I do not imagine the custodians of that property would attempt to keep it on an even keel with a few shovels of cement.

This season, and during the past season or two, in fact, the mightiest structure in Soccer, at club level—Arsenal Football Club—has been crumbling.

Particular numbers—with in the series 1 to 3,000 may be reserved for all Race Meetings as Through Tickets. Such tickets will be issued consecutively only and the right is reserved by the Stewards to cancel my reservation for Through Tickets for a particular Meeting if it is found that sales may not reach the number reserved in the series 1 to 3,000.

Tickets over 3,000 will also be issued consecutively but particular numbers cannot be reserved as Through Tickets.

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## Football League Matches Under Floodlights?

Football League matches under floodlight are almost certainly for next season.

The League's management committee, after a five-hour session in London last week, said that floodlight soccer had been No 1 talking point.

There was no official statement.

Mr Fred Haworth, the League secretary, said: "We are frankly alarmed at the falling gates and the decreasing attraction of the League competition."

Although there was no complete agreement, the League will probably suggest these methods for boosting gates next season:

1. League matches by flood-light when both teams agree;
2. Floodlighting during a match to enable a later start;
3. A new League system to include a Third Division with South Midlands, and Northern sections.

The soccer chiefs will again tackle the case of the vanishing millions at meetings next month and in February.

A Bring-back-the-fans Charter will be presented to the clubs at a meeting in March. Final decisions will be made at the annual general meeting of clubs in June.

(London Express Service.)

## Jackie McGlew Elected "Sportsman Of The Year"

Johannesburg, Dec. 20.—Jackie McGlew, dynamic little Springbok opening batsman and vice-captain of the cricket team which toured England recently, was elected South Africa's "Sportsman of the Year" at a banquet of the Rand Sportswriters Society here tonight.

McGlew faced a formidable challenge from the five other nominations—Tom von Vollenhoven (Rugby Union), Mrs Sylvia Dyno (bowls), Alistair Jennings (athletics), Gordon Frew (soccer) and Willie Towell (boxing).

McGlew played a vital part in the Springbok's success in England last summer.

After the South Africans had been beaten in the first two Tests he took over the leadership from the injured Jack Chetham and captained the side to victory in the third and fourth Tests at Leeds and Manchester.

In both matches he scored a century, and finished the tour by leading the batting averages.

McGlew was run a close second in the balloting, however, by Rugby Union wing three quarter Von Vollenhoven, who scored four spectacular tries against the touring British Lions this year.

Von Vollenhoven also represented Transvaal as sprinter against a touring West German-athletic side and was in the relay team which set a new British Empire record of 41.1 seconds for four by 110 yards.—China Mail Special.

## Gardner 'Yes' To Erskine

Joe Erskine, the unbeaten Cardiff Heavyweight will meet Jackie Gardner (Market Harborough) the former British Heavyweight Champion, in Birmingham in February.

Alex Griffiths, the Midlands promoter, said that both boxers agreed to terms this week.

Gardner's manager, John Simpson, said: "Gardner is ready to take flights up to within two months of meeting Don Cockell for the British title in April. The bout with Erskine will suit us fine."—London Express Service.

## World Table Tennis Championships

Stockholm, Dec. 20.—Sweden will stage the 1957 World Table Tennis Championships at the Royal Tennis Hall here. It was announced today—China Mail Special.

Accrington Rangers just beat playing Helmshore United. Early in the season Helmshore won 1-0 against them, 17-1, and now they have followed it up with a League victory of 11-0. Wonder what the score will be in the return fixture match in



Out on his own as claimant to The Spot of Honour at the top of the Sports Parade this week is Craftsman Michael Nash who scooped the pool in the Colony Non-Chinese Table Tennis Championships at the Missions to Seamen last Friday evening.

Nash took the premier trophy in the Men's Singles by 3 games to 1 after a hard tussle with Y. Khan, who was also runner-up in 1954. Khan played a sound and steady defensive game, but Nash's tremendous reach and his driving power on both the fore and back hands eventually swung the play in his favour.

Nash and Khan teamed up to win the Men's Doubles event. In this final they were never really extended and won very comfortably.

The Mixed Doubles, in which he partnered Mrs. Yates—the wife of an Army Officer—brought Nash his third success of the evening, although on this occasion it was touch and go right to the end.

To complete his sweep of the board Nash teamed up with Khan and Taylor to win the team event for the European Table Tennis Club and so complete a memorable achievement.

#### FAST BOWLER

In spite of his outstanding ability as a table tennis player Nash is probably best known for his prowess as a fast bowler in the successful Army South side. In a broadcast interview after the show at the Missions to Seamen he said that he was leaving the Colony at the beginning of January and cricket as well as table tennis will be the poorer for his going.

Hockey enthusiasts from every section of the community will be out in strength this afternoon when the visiting Malayan Indians tackle the Combined Services on the Army Ground at Sookpoo.

The visitors have already shown themselves to be players of quality and as the Combined Services will also field a strong side a grand game seems assured. Bully off at 4 o'clock.

The Army football team continues to enjoy a good run and the players are now producing the form—and getting the results—that proved elusive earlier in the season. The return of skipper Crompton to the centre-half position, and the move of Mullett to left-back have worked wonders in the defence.

Mullett's speed in recovery and Crompton's hard tackling and timely interventions have imparted a feeling of confidence to the players around them and the team has in consequence played more profitable and points-gathering football.

Wing halves McInnes and Tolfrey—so very different in style—have had a big say in the general improvement in the side and on present form McInnes has few if any superiors in his position in the Colony.

It is a matter for some regret that young Haydock, who has made an important contribution to the better-forward play in recent games, will be leaving the Colony soon.

The blow of his departure is, however, softened by the news that Craftsman Chalmers, who was badly injured during the game against South China at Caroline Hill early in the season, had a successful first outing in the 'B' team against the Police on Saturday. Chalmers, who is a strong forceful forward, needs only a game or two to be right back in his best form.

#### BIG TASK AHEAD

The soldiers have a big task ahead of them this week when they meet the powerful KMB side at Caroline Hill on Saturday. The sides met in the opening weeks of the season when neither of them were showing very good form and after a poor game the Army went down by 2 goals to 1. Both teams have now made a fine recovery from their indifferent start and this return match has all the ingredients of a top class affair.

It is anticipated that the side will be on the same lines as last week when two goals by Morris and one by Haydock took them through to a 3-nil victory over the Police.

One of the most popular dates on the Athletic calendar is the RAMC Annual Meeting. This season it will take place on Wednesday, February 22, and the organisers are planning to make the "Open Mile" a very special attraction. The event will be open to runners from all three services and it is intended to send personal invitations to some of the top runners in the Royal Navy, Army and Royal Air Force.

If the invitations are accepted it may well be that the Medical's "Open Mile" will be

#### Sports Diary

##### TODAY

Hockey  
Malayan Indians v Combined Services at Sookpoo, 4 p.m.

Malayan Indians v CYMCA at Indian Recreation Club, 8 p.m.

Cricket  
League 1st Division RAF v Navy, 1.30 p.m.

##### FRIDAY

Hockey  
Malayan Indians v Macao, Sookpoo, 4 p.m.

Badminton  
Malayan Indians v CCC at Happy Valley, 8 p.m.

##### SATURDAY

Soccer  
1st Division: Police v Kowloon Wah (H.K. Club), all matches at 3.30 p.m.

2nd Division: Police v Tung Wah (H.K. Club), all matches at 3.30 p.m.

Rugby  
Police v RAMC v Gymnastics, Taikoo v REME at Happy Valley, 2.15 p.m.

Aircraft  
Police v KMB v Dockyard, Colletton v Persons, Happy Valley at 3.45 p.m.

2nd Division: Caroline Hill v RFL, Hollandia v HK Aircraft, 3.45 p.m. (IV).

Malayan Indians v Combined Services (Sookpoo) 4 p.m.

#### RICHEST FOOTBALLER

Hans Jepson once came to England and saved Charlton Athletic from relegation. Since then he has earned himself £40,000 in two years in Italy.

He got £18,000 for himself when he left Sweden for Atlanta (Turin), a third of a £62,500 transfer fee when he went to Naples, and recently a further £12,500 for re-signing for another two years. He will get an additional £2,000 bonus if his club finishes in the first five in the League, and his salary on-top of all that is £2,000 a year.

The draw for the Quarter-Finals of the Hongkong stage of the FAREL Inter-Unit Rugby Championship has produced some excellent games and, provided the various dates do not clash, enthusiasts are assured of some thrilling rugby.

The draw is as follows:—1 King's Own vs 27 LAA Regt; RA, 15 Med Regt RA vs 42 Fd Regt RA; HK Sig Regt vs REME; 74 LAA Regt RA vs 14 Fd Regt RA or 1 Northamptons.

All games have to be played off by January, 1956.

#### NOVICES BOXING

In spite of the somewhat inclement weather on Monday and Tuesday all the preliminary rounds of the Land Forces Novices Boxing Championships were successfully concluded at the Kai Tak Swimming Pool.

As is usual in these novice events there was plenty of spirited fighting and of course the usual ration of excitement.

The finals will be fought at the same venue tomorrow, starting at 2.30 p.m.

The contestants in the finals are as follows:—

Bantamweight: Gnr McCormack (74 LAA) vs. Bdr Carrington (42 Fd Regt).

Feather: Cfr Hardman (74 LAA), vs. L/Cpl Ward (33 Gen Hosp).

Lightweight: Bdr Dwyer (74 LAA) vs. Gnr Evans (14 Fd Regt).

L/Welter: Gnr Hills (42 Fd Regt) vs. Gnr Platts (14 Fd Regt).

Welterweight: Gnr McLeish (14 Fd Regt) vs. L/Bdr Hunt (42 Fd Regt).

L/Middle: Gnr Horwood (42 Fd Regt) vs. L/Cpl Brown (1 N Staffs).

Middleweight: Cpl Cooper (1 N Staffs) vs. Gnr Walker (27 HAA Regt).

L/Heavy Wt: Gnr Thomas (42 Fd Regt) vs. Pte Johnson (1 Northamptons).

Heavyweight: 2/L Collett (74 LAA) vs. Pte Yates (1 N Staffs).

The spectators who watched the preliminary rounds are looking forward with special interest to the Middleweight final between Cooper and Walker.

Cooper is as tough and aggressive as they come, but his opponent showed the kind of punch that stops all argument in his two earlier bouts. He won by a knock-out in the first round of his first bout while in his semi-final encounter he needed only 17 seconds to dispose of his opponent.

#### HECTIC BATTLE

There is a feeling that the Heavyweight final will also produce a hectic battle for both competitors are tough and both have shown a powerful punch in the qualifying rounds.

The traditional prize for the best boxer has been awarded to Pte Scott (1 Northamptons) who put up a grand scrap before being beaten by Craftsman Hardman in the semi-final of the Featherweight class.

Before leaving boxing for this week I am asked to remind all interested persons that the Land Forces Open Championships will be staged at the Queen Elizabeth Youth Centre in Kowloon—provided the stadium is available on the above date.

If this plan fails, the Championships will be fought on the 1st, 2nd and 3rd of January.

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#### One Of England's Most Promising Batsmen...

## Michael Smith Moves To Warwickshire

By ALL-ROUNDER

Leicester-born Michael J. K. Smith, one of the most promising young batsmen in England today, who will captain Oxford University next summer, has been assisting Leicestershire for the past two seasons after the University match, but he will turn out for another County in future.

He has just joined the Warwickshire staff in an administrative position and, with the retirement of Tom Dollery, is confidently expected to take over the captaincy.

Leicestershire were anxious to retain him as a player, but in a statement the County club says: "It was not possible to find him a sufficiently attractive commercial job and we were prepared to offer him administrative employment with us. Unfortunately the attractive here did not measure up to that of Warwickshire—large club with Test match status.

"The decision had to be up to Michael in his future interests and we cannot and do not grumble at his decision," Smith, 22 years of age, a sound right-hand opening batsman with a wide range of strokes, hit 201 not out in the Varsity match in 1954 and 104 last July—only the third player to score a double century and a single hundred in the history of the series.

The Nawab of Pataudi and A. Ratcliffe were his predecessors. He may well be in the running for Test honours before long. He is also an outstanding rugger player, getting his Blue at full-back last year. In this year's Varsity match he is playing at stand-off half and is a most important cog in the Dark Blues' unorthodox attack.

#### HER LAST RALLY

Seven British women's teams have entered for the grueling Monte Carlo Rally. Women's Champion, Miss Sheila Van Damme, will be taking part in her last rally as leader of the Sunbeam women's team. With her will be two Yorkshire women, Mrs. Anne Hall, of Huddersfield, and Mrs. Yvonne Jackson, of Thornton. Mrs.

Football directors are always depicted in top hats sitting in plush seats. Not Mr. Nat Sunter, of Nelson FC (Lancs). He was in his accustomed seat in the Directors' Box when it was announced that Nelson were a man short. So Mr. Sunter turned out and started the winning goal!

Gordon Stones, Accrington full-back, was moved into the forward line against Liverpool Marine because of an eye injury. He promptly scored two goals in five minutes, and the forward who took his place at back, Jimmy Mason, was the outstanding defender.

Harry Warren has just started his twelfth year as Southend United's manager. During that time every other club in the Third Division South has changed its manager at least once—some of them three or four times. Yet in his playing day Harry was a rover—Blackpool, Exeter, Merthyr, Sheffield United, Notts County and Folkestone.

Jack Rowley will shortly complete twenty uninterrupted years of Football League professional service. Now player-manager of Plymouth Argyle, Jack became a Wolverhampton player in November 1935, went to Manchester United and scored four goals in his only appearance as England's centre-forward. He and his brother Arthur (Leicester), Tommy Lowton and Charlie Wayman are the only players with 200 League goals to their credit. Mortensen, Briggs, Sewell and Connor can join them this season.

Ted Platt and Charlie Dore were goalkeepers with Portsmouth last season. Ted first team, Charlie second. Platt went to Aldershot; Dore to Worcester City. Now Platt has transferred to Worcester and displaced his former colleague.

It is obvious that Edmundo must have lost a little ground by going across for the inside position, but if anything, I thought Edmundo was going to be better in the last few strides.

The form does not make him a good but not a bad preparation. That policy had been adopted, I am sure, with an eye on his three-year-old career.

#### NECK BEHIND

Because of the mist we could see nothing of the race until the horses had passed the Bushes a quarter of a mile from the finish. Bulson Ardent was then just in front of Final Court with Edmundo about a neck behind.

What surprised me was that whereas Edmundo was drawn No 5 in a field of six, he was

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I discountenance any suggestion that Gloria Nicky's experience can have any influence on the future of her half-brother. I have every confidence in Edmundo thriving during the winter months.

If he does he should at least make normal progress. The colt took part in three races and improved in appearance each time.

He won at Newbury in June without having to be asked a serious question. He was ridden from behind in the July Stakes at Newmarket, but quickened for the lead going into the Dip and was in no danger up the hill.

His next and only other race was in the Middle Park Stakes. As I was walking across the paddock after the race, had left. I was joined by Bertie, trainer of Edmundo.

"What do you think of them?" asked Bertie. I told him that, whatever the result of the race, I thought him one of the best prospects in the country.

"I think he's a good horse," I replied. "But I don't think he's got the makings of a top-class horse."

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# RN STILL TRAINS 'COCKLESHELL' WARRIOR

## Commando, Frogman And Midget Submarines

London, Dec. 20.  
A new British film, "Cockleshell Heroes," has focussed the limelight on one aspect of naval warfare in which the Royal Navy specialises more highly than any other of Britain's partners in the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation.

This is the training of the self-reliant individual to operate in a small team or even alone as a one-man unit of attack, proving that the Commando, the "Frogman," or the midget submariner, is not outmoded in this electronic atomic age.

In three particular fields of naval and amphibious warfare the Royal Navy produces the fighting individual. Two of these fields are, in peace-time, monopolised by "Britain's Sea-Soldiers," the Royal Marines, under the Admiralty, but the third remains an essentially naval reserve.

### Basic Drill

These specialised training fields are for Commandos, Swimmers - Canoeists — more popularly called "frogmen" — and the men of the midget submarines called X-craft.

The wind-swept hills above Plymouth and the historic naval base of Devonport is the Royal Marine Commando School where every recruit to the Marines is put through training as a Commando as soon as he has acquired his basic drill on the parade ground.

The training includes toughening time tests over a remarkable obstacle course called "The Tarzan Course" because of the acrobatic feats which it involves — such as swinging from tree to tree by ropes or crossing high over a swift-running mountain stream along a single rope line with a scientific balancing grip known as the "Panther Crawl."

There are also "rocky beach landings" to put a raiding force ashore silently and secretly in assault motorboats, cliff-scaling, block-faced and cat-footed night raids on "enemy" strongpoints, working across unknown countryside in supposedly hostile territory by map and compass, and that last really individual aspect of warfare called unarmed combat.

### Variety Of Craft

The swimmer-canoeists, who develop tremendous endurance in their underwater swimming and long distance canoe-paddling, are the elite of another Royal Marine school, the school for amphibious warfare at Eastney, near another famous English south coast naval base, Portsmouth.

At the same establishment at Eastney are trained the marines who handle a variety of craft from the assault motorboats and dories for "rocky beach" landings to the landing craft which will put armoured vehicles ashore on a beach-head in enemy territory.

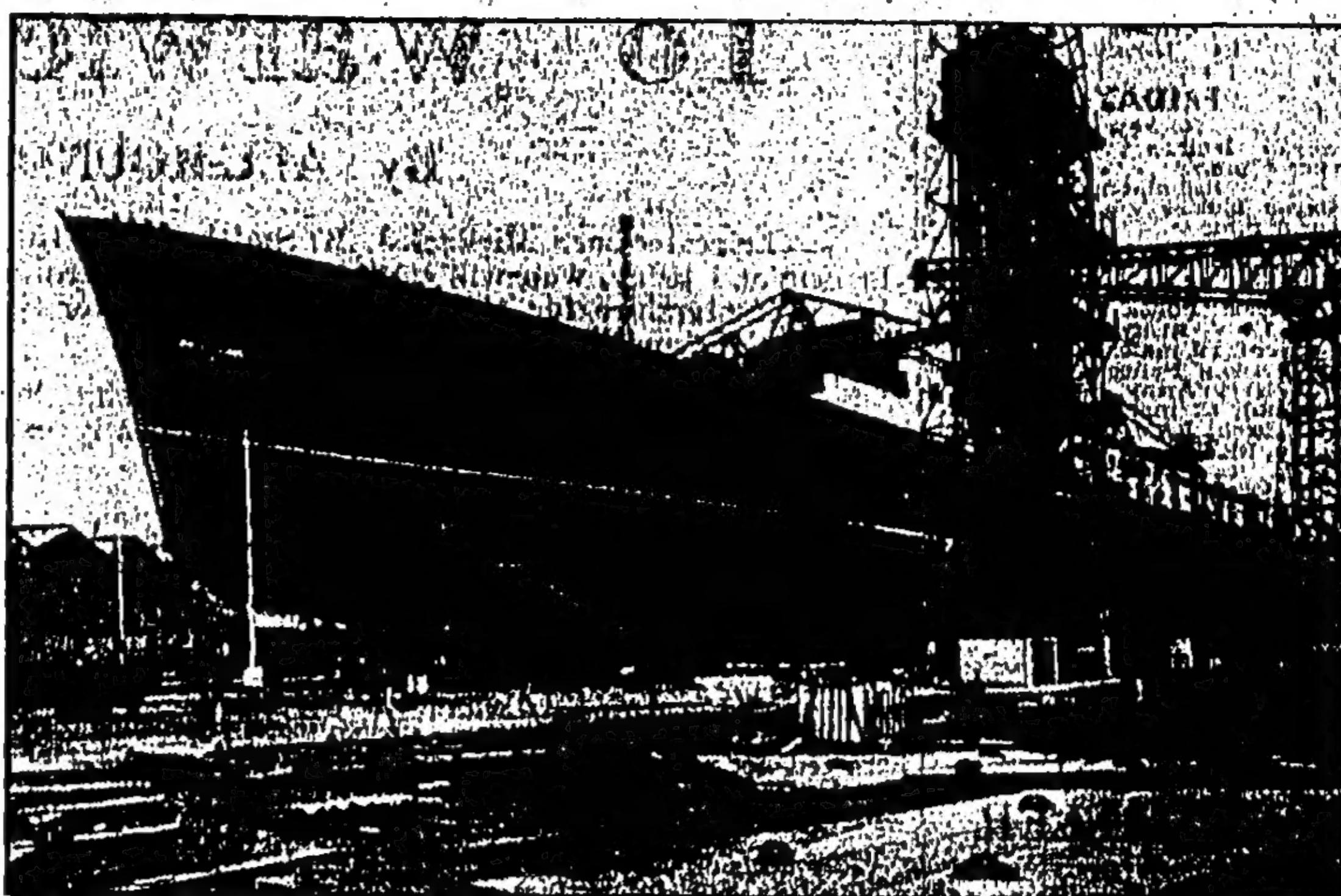
But it is the swimmer-canoeist, or frogman, who is the pride of the war school at Eastney. His task does not call merely for muscular skills, and his training includes seamanship, navigation and tactics. In all his operations, he must be able to assess a situation swiftly, act on split-second timing and carry on in the face of adversity.

### Great Tradition

Only a few miles away from Eastney are the headquarters of the third variety of fighting individuals, the men of the midget submarines technically known as X-craft. These are essentially men of the Royal Navy proper, as distinct from the Royal Marines, and as members of the submarine branch of the Service their headquarters are in Fort Blockhouse, old fortifications guarding the entrance to Portsmouth Harbour. The young men of these miniature submarines, with their crews of four or five have a great tradition to sustain, even though it goes back only to the middle of World War II.

It was X-craft, towed across the stormy waters of the North

## Just Before The Champagne



Awafting the royal bottle of champagne on her bows in the stocks is the new 22,000-ton Cunard liner *Carinthia*, which was launched by

Princess Margaret last week. The vessel is the third of four new liners for the Cunard run to Canada.—Central Press Photo.

## Mail Notices

### Iraqi Court Shows Its Wisdom

Bagdad, Dec. 20.  
Two husbands posed the Bagdad courts a curious problem today.

Husband Number One, Jasam Latif, asked the court's permission to give his 15-day-old son to his friend, El Albi Zaur.

Latif, whose wife had died giving birth to the child, said the child would die of hunger if someone did not care for it.

"I have no family who can look after it," said Latif, "and I myself am starving."

Husband Number Two, El Albi Zaur, a street news-vendor, said he had been married three times in 12 years, but had no children. He was willing to enter into an undertaking, he said, to take the child under his complete charge.

The court ruled that Latif forefeited his right to the boy, whom they permitted El Albi Zaur legally to adopt.—France Presse.

In 1890, the average age at first marriage for men was 26.1 years and for women 22 years. In 1958, these ages had dropped to 22.5 for men and 20 years

for women. In 1954, four-tenths of one per cent of boys and 4.8 per cent of girls 14 to 17 years of age in the United States were married.

The sociologists have decided that there are several reasons for this decreasing marriage age. They include increased economic prosperity, the threat of war and military service, the imagined man abortion which encourages girls to marry before the boys go into the armed services, the increased emphasis among film stars and in magazines on the importance of marriage and having children.

San Francisco, Dec. 20.

An increasing tendency for teen-age boys and girls in California High Schools (equivalent to the British Grammar School and the continental Lycee) is causing concern among the educational authorities. While the couples may achieve happiness through wedlock, they are presenting their teachers with a considerable problem.

Dr Judson Landis of the University of California, and Kenneth Kidd, as research assistant in family sociology at the University, have published these conclusions after a lengthy investigation of teen-age marriage in secondary schools in California.

The school officials are particularly concerned about teenage marriages because statistics have disclosed "without exception a higher divorce rate and a lower happiness rate among people married in their teens than among people who marry at later ages."

### Courses

They admit, however, that there is not much that they can do about it. "We have to face the facts as they are in 1955," Doctors Landis and Kidd agree. "Many young people are marrying early. They are going to have more problems than they would have had if they waited until they were older."

Education experts have therefore decided that the only thing they can do is to offer constructive courses in "marriage" to their students, in the hope that the teen-agers may acquire sufficient experience secondhand to guide them round the pitfalls of early marriage.

Discussing the reasons for teen-age marriage, only two of the several hundred school principals contributing facts to the University survey mentioned pre-marital pregnancy as a factor.

The school administrators have other explanations for early marriage. They say that it is caused by "lax parental care, discipline, and supervision."

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Because of their uncertainty on just how to handle this problem of marriage in the teen-age class room, each school principal seems to have a different attitude towards discipline.

A small minority of them urge their married students to resign from classes.

About half of them ignore the marriage.

The remainder usually "encourage" the married student, especially the girl-wife, to leave school.

Those principals who were outspoken on the problem based their interest on the fact that they considered married students in the class room a problem because the married teen-agers "discuss marital sexual experiences with other unmarried students."

### Not Permitted

Other principals were negative toward teen-age marriages because it resulted in "irregular attendance," which brought the school administrator into conflict with another law.

All teen-age students of California are required to attend school until they are 16 years of age. But another section of California law defines married individuals, regardless of age, as adults—and adults are not permitted to attend California's secondary schools.

In the case of married-and-pregnant teen-age wives, the school principals have another conflict of law to meet.

There is the law that requires a girl to attend school until she is 16. But a section of the educational code describes a pregnant girl, whether married or single, as "incapable of the welfare of other pupils."

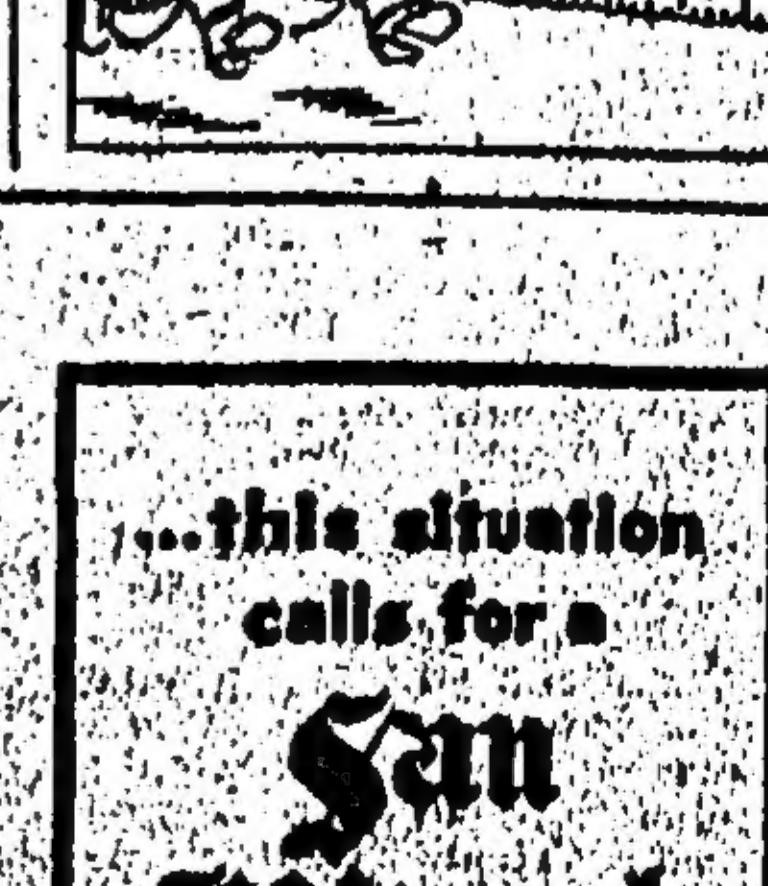
If the principal permits the mother-to-be to remain in class, he is violating the educational code. If he forces her to leave, he is violating the attendance requirement.

Doctors Landis and Kidd argue that the pregnant girl wife should be allowed to complete at least her high school education because "she will probably need the diploma as much or more than those students who do not marry early."

### Conclusion

Concluding the report on their investigation, the two doctors declared that their investigation tended to show that in general the high school principals and teachers have not yet thought through the question.

The incidence of high school marriage certainly shows a common situation existing in almost all schools in the state, and points to the need for careful evaluation of payment policies and the introduction of some creative action for meeting student needs.—China Mail Special



# Increasing Tendency For Teen-Age Pupils To Marry



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WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21, 1955.

## JOHN CLARKE'S CASEBOOK

### A GENTLEMAN OF LEISURE

DENNIS is a young Irishman who seems to have anticipated the advantages promised by automation, such as the four-day working week, and a world left with only one problem to solve—how to find things for people to do with all their spare time.

For Dennis, a working week of four days is a long working week. He prefers to work only three days in each seven. As a casual labourer, each day's work of those three earns him £2 10s. As a bachelor, 22 years old, who makes his home in common lodging houses, £7 10s. a week usually sufficient to his needs.

#### LATE-NIGHT SNACK

WITH two friends who no doubt were like him rich in leisure-time, Dennis, late the other night, strolled into a cafe in Kowloon Town. They called for a menu, and ordered a meal. Dennis's choice was bacon and egg, with bread and butter.

The meat was produced, and the three young men attacked it with gusto. They finished simultaneously. And no sooner had they downed knives and forks than they rose, made for the door of the cafe, and bolted down the street.

The cafe proprietor chased them. Two policemen who were passing joined in the chase. Dennis was caught; the other two got away.

#### CHARGE ALTERED

AT Clerkenwell the next morning Dennis pleaded guilty to obtaining credit by fraud to the tune of 7s 4d.

"Was the price of bacon and egg, and bread and butter?" asked the magistrate. Mr Frank Powell, in the tone of one whom nothing inflationary could any longer surprise.

"I'll just ask," said the police officer in charge of the case. He had a word with the cafe proprietor, who had come to court to be a witness, if necessary.

"No, sir," the policeman said, when his consultation was over. "This man's share was 1s. 10d."

"The charge-sheet had better be altered," said the magistrate.

#### 3-4 DAY WEEK

"TELL me about this young man," said Mr Powell when the charge against Dennis had been amended.

"He came here from Elles in 1952, sir," said the officer, "and he does casual work as a labourer, sometimes getting £2 10s. a day, sometimes £3. He tells me he usually works three, sometimes four, days a week."

"That's not bad, is it?" said the magistrate. "Does he save any money?"

"No, sir, he tells me he spends most of what he earns on drink."

#### SERVICE CHARGE

"HAS the cafe proprietor suffered any loss, or incurred any expenditure through coming here?" asked the magistrate.

The police officer confided again with the cafe owner. "He says not, sir," he reported.

"What do you want to say?" Mr Powell asked Dennis, who had shown very little interest in the proceedings up to that point and evidently intended to continue that policy. "Nothing to say," he said.

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## Record "High" For Company

Mr B. W. Bradbury, chairman of the Board of Directors of the Local Printing Press Ltd, announced at the company's annual meeting this morning a record "low" in turnover and profit from the printing department, and a record "high" for the company as a whole — derived from its investments in Hongkong property.

He said:

"Again I have the privilege and pleasure to draw your attention to an all time record shown by the accounts of this Company for the financial year ending June 1955.

"The net profit for the year is \$1,300,000 which together with \$88,000 10 carried forward from last year and \$33,000 00 overprovided for Corporation Profit Tax 1955/56 leaves \$1,331,000 00 available for appropriation.

"Our printing department has again shown less turnover and profit for the year under review but the Dollar Directory is making good headway and is very popular.

"Since our last annual meeting we have purchased another valuable property namely No. 22 Ice House Street. We have tenanted the two lower floors of this property for many years for use by our printing department, and apart from securing these premises for our printing department on a permanent basis, we now plan to modernise the whole building, add a new wing and make the upper floors suitable for offices.

**EXCELLENT PROGRESS**  
Our Property department continues to make excellent progress, especially when it is realised that since the last war we have acquired four valuable properties, namely, Printing House, Caxton House, Stanhope House and Baskerville House three of which are situated in the city centre.

Turning to the Balance Sheet you will notice that total Assets of \$7,094,882.07 show an increased value of \$669,987.07 after allowance for appropriate depreciation.

Our subsidiary Ye Olde Printerie Ltd has continued to handle a large volume of business and is showing very satisfactory results.

On behalf of shareholders and the Board I wish to thank the Managing Director and staff for the results of the year's working and I am sure that the usual provision for bonus to staff will have your approval.

The adoption of report and accounts was proposed by the Chairman and Mr Chan Shiu-tsun, seconded by Chan Shiu-tsun.

Mr J. S. C. Neel was re-elected as a Director, and Messrs Peat Marwick Mitchell & Co. were re-elected as Auditors.

## US Warships "Invade" HK For Christmas

A squadron of 11 United States warships, led by single-decked aircraft carrier Bennington, arrived this morning to spend the Christmas holidays in Hongkong.

The Bennington (Capt. P. Foley) flew the flag of Rear-Admiral T. B. Williamson, Commander of Carrier Division 1.

The 38,000-ton carrier is one of 14 ships of the Oriskany Class but recently underwent modernisation including her angled or "canted" deck.

Other ships were the submarine Gudgeon (Commander W. E. Sims), the dock landing ship Tortuga, and the destroyers Rupertus, L. F. Mason, G. K. MacKenzie, H. W. Tucker, O'Brien, Walke, H. E. Hubbard and E. G. Small.

## SAW PARENTS DECAPITATED

Octian, Mexico, Dec. 20. Nine-year-old Juan Diaz told the police today he had terrified behind a chair and watched two men decapitate his sleeping parents with machetes.

He said he was too frightened to scream as his parents were hacked to death. The police were unable to establish a motive for the double murder.

The which recovered was ordered to be returned to the woman.

## SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"It's the only thing they haven't improved yet—but any day some smart feller will figure out how to build a better snow man!"

## Appeal To Russian Leaders

New York, Dec. 20.

An organisation, calling itself the International Kalmuk Brotherhood, today disclosed that it had sent cables to prime ministers of India and Burma asking them to intercede with the Soviet leaders on behalf of Asian minorities who were "victims of total Soviet genocide."

The cables to Jawaharlal Nehru, of India, and U Nu, of Burma, were sent on Dec. 6 and Dec. 18 while the Soviet leaders, Marshal Bulganin and Mr Krushchev, were touring their countries.

The cables alleged that five Asian peoples, the Kalmuks, the Chechens, the Ingushes, the Balkhars and the Crimean Tartars were "subjected to mass deportation by the Soviet authorities" and asked for the "simple humanitarian intervention" of the two prime ministers.

The Kalmuks were a Mongol Buddhist people, 300,000 of whom once lived in the Soviet Union. The Brotherhood said in a statement today that nothing had been heard of them since December 1943 when the Soviet authorities "liquidated their autonomous republic and shipped its entire populace to Siberia."

About 400 Kalmuks have been admitted to the United States under the displaced Persons Act.

— Reuter.

## Marian Ballet And Fashion Show

New York, Dec. 20.

Yesterday evening at the Princess Theatre a very charming entertainment was presented to raise funds for the Hongkong Sea School, which is doing such valuable work in training underprivileged youths for jobs on board ships. A children's ballet, followed by a children's fashion show, made up the programme. Much effort had obviously been put into preparations for these events, and the result was most enjoyable.

The Marian Ballet was presented by Mrs. Hilda Noronha and her pupils, ranging from tiny tots of about four to polished and sophisticated teenagers. A group of little dancers formed a ballet sequence entitled "In a Toy Shop." The babies opened with a Doll Dance, followed by a Tambourine Dance and a flight of Birds of Paradise in a gilded cage. Little Regina Kwok performed two solo dances, "The Mexican Flower," in which she undulated most professionally, in a gorgeous frilly gown; and later, the dainty "Dance" of the Sugar Plum Fairy — from Tchaikovsky's "Nutcracker Suite."

**MOST STRIKING**  
The Hula Dance drew much applause, with its crowd of straw-skirted beauties. The "glow-worms" were most striking with their little headlights flashing in and out. The Finale was the "Dance of the Orchids," to the music of the "Vals des Fleurs," also from the Nutcracker Suite. The dresses in this were particularly beautiful, though it is difficult to singe it out on that account as the costumes for all items were remarkably lovely. The music was provided partly by Mr. Bert Gillett, at the Hammond organ, partly by the piano, and the rest by some pleasant recordings. The lighting throughout the show was most effective.

The children's fashion show, staged by the Moulinette Shoppe, presented twenty model dresses and suits which must have been the envy of every mother. The young models moved and acted with great charm and poise, and the cutest girls in "Wonderland" and "The Beachcomber" completely won all hearts. This is a delightful form of entertainment, and one which will doubtless continue to be popular, especially for charitable purposes.

At the end of the show, Mr. E. Bernacchi, the Chairman of the Hongkong Sea School, made a short speech of thanks to all concerned in the production.—XX.

— Reuter.

## 2 Years For Larceny

Wong Choi-shing, 26, unemployed, was sentenced to two years by Mr Justice J. Wicks at the Criminal Sessions this morning when he pleaded guilty to a charge of larceny from the person.

Wong was discharged on a second charge of assault with intent to resist arrest when Mr. J. Pakemham-Walsh, Crown Counsel, offered no evidence against him.

Passing sentence, Mr Justice Wicks observed that Wong had five previous convictions, one of which was for a similar offence and a second one for escape from Stanley Prison.

Mr Pakemham-Walsh said the accused approached a woman, Lee Ying-ha, in Jordan Road, on the night of August 29, and snatched a gold wrist watch, valued \$180 from her. He ran away but was chased and eventually caught.

In mitigation, Wong said when he was banished for the first time he had been badly beaten up by rascals at the border. He later found a job as a farmer in the New Territories but was discharged by his master when he frequently vomited blood. He sued the Court to deal with him leniently.

The which recovered was ordered to be returned to the woman.

## NUCLEAR CHAIR

Johannesburg, Dec. 20.

The Witwatersrand University of Johannesburg, the dock landing ship Tortuga, and the destroyers Rupertus, L. F. Mason, G. K. MacKenzie, H. W. Tucker, O'Brien, Walke, H. E. Hubbard and E. G. Small.

The diamond and gold mining industries, announcing this morning, said they will give £105,000 over seven years to establish a Chair for this purpose in the University of France, Paris.

## QUESTION OF COURT'S JURISDICTION AGAIN RAISED JUDGE REFUSES TO REOPEN THE SUBJECT

The question of British jurisdiction over the area of waters in which a robbery on board a fishing junk was alleged to have been committed was again raised by Counsel for the Defence when the trial of two men, charged with robbery with aggravation and possession of arms and ammunition continued before Mr Justice J. R. Gregg, Puisne Judge, in the Criminal Sessions this morning.

Yesterday a preliminary objection by Defence Counsel to the jurisdiction of the Court to try the case was overruled by his Lordship. Counsel for the Defence had submitted that the robbery with which the two accused were charged and in which 120 gold bars to the value of \$184,000 were removed from a fishing junk off Lantau Island occurred at a place not within the jurisdiction of Hongkong.

This morning, the Defence money did not come from smuggling.

### WITNESS WARNED

Crown Counsel suggested that the Court warn the witness that he did not answer the question if he thought it might tend to incriminate him in any way.

A moment later, Crown Counsel told his Lordship that he objected to a comment made by the Defence.

His Lordship said he did not hear the comment.

Crown Counsel said that he thought it was possibly audible to him. He did not however wish to repeat the comment in case it was not heard.

Mr Leong said that his comment was that the witness did not wish to, but that he did not answer it. "We can draw our own conclusions."

Mr Collie said that that was the comment to which he was objecting.

His Lordship administered the usual warning to the witness.

Mr Wong (as witness): Did you tell me that you got out of smuggling?

### DO YOU RECALL

Everybody looks back at this time of year and so let's do what we remember most from those which were up top during the past twelve months?

I shall never forget "Cherry Pink," although I have got to the stage where I am beginning to try. "Learning the Blues" marked the welcome return of Frank Sinatra to the hit parade and of course Sarah Vaughan continued in her spectacular climb with "How Impatient Can I Be?" "Whatever Lots Wants" and "Waltzing down the Aisle." It was one of the surprise features of the year, this emergence of Sarah as a "Pop" singer. Her switch from Columbia to Mercury brought her bang into the hit parade and all praise to the Mercury man who decided that whilst Sarah is an incomparable jazz singer, as proven by her work for Columbia, she could also do a good job on the popular stuff.

During the year we also had a few more surprises, notably with the Four Lads, the Crew Cuts, the Jaybirds, the Four Jacks, the Arnes and the Four Knights. I think it begins to look as though the business is becoming a family affair. In the ladies' division I think it was the best year for anything that took place during that incident.

Witness: It is correct. I can remember what happened on that day, but you cannot recall three nights before the incident but you remember very clearly everything that took place during that incident.

Mr Leong: My Lord, in the interests of justice... I do not propose to open this issue.

Mr Justice Gregg: But my Lord...

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